

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment a copy of the claims of the present application is included with the proper status identifier. The claims presented herein include amendments made in the amendment filed on December 9, 2004.

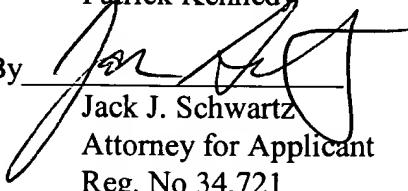
Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No additional fee is believed due with this response. However, should a fee be due please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2828.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Kennedy

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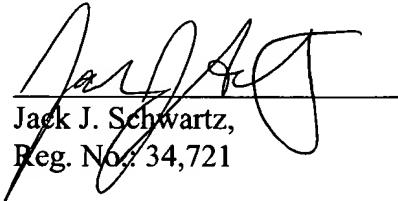
  
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I hereby certify that this amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioners for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

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